

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A portable device, comprising:
2 a storage unit; and
3 a control unit communicatively coupled to the storage unit, the control unit
4 to determine whether configuration of the portable device is desired, request
5 configuration information in response to determining that configuration is desired, and
6 receive the requested configuration information.

1 2. The portable device of claim 1, wherein the control unit further initializes
2 the portable device using at least a portion of the configuration information.

1 3. The portable device of claim 1, wherein the control unit to determine
2 whether configuration is desired comprises the control unit to detect an indication to
3 upgrade the configuration of the portable device.

1 4. The portable device of claim 1, wherein the control unit establishes a
2 communication link with a remote device to receive the configuration information.

1 5. The portable device of claim 1, wherein the control unit stores the
2 configuration information in a storage unit.

1 6. The portable device of claim 1, wherein the control unit receives at least
2 one of an operating system, protocol stack layer, and application layer of the portable
3 device.

1 7. The portable device of claim 1, wherein the control unit determines
2 whether restoration of the portable device to an operation state is desired.

1 8. A method, comprising:
2 determining if configuration of a portable device is desired;
3 executing one or more instructions on the portable device to receive
4 configuration information in response to determining that configuration of the portable
5 device is desired; and
6 storing the received configuration information in the portable device.

1 9. The method of claim 8, further comprising initializing the portable device
2 with at least a portion of the received configuration information.

1 10. The method of claim 8, comprising establishing a wireless connection
2 with a remote device, transmitting a unique identifier associated with the portable device,
3 and receiving configuration information from the remote device associated with the
4 unique identifier.

1 11. The method of claim 8, wherein determining if configuration is desired
2 comprises detecting an indication to reconfigure the portable device.

1 12. The method of claim 8, wherein storing the received configuration
2 information comprises storing at least one of an operating system, protocol stack, and
3 application layer of the portable device.

1 13. An article comprising one or more machine-readable storage media
2 containing instructions that when executed enable a processor to:

3 request configuration information from a remote device;
4 store the configuration information in response to requesting the
5 configuration information; and
6 configure a portable device using the configuration information.

1 14. The article of claim 13, wherein the instructions when executed enable the
2 processor to request configuration information in response to detecting an indication to
3 reconfigure the portable device.

1 15. The article of claim 13, wherein the instructions when executed enable the
2 processor to transmit a unique identifier associated with the portable device and receive
3 the configuration information associated with the unique identifier.

1 16. The article of claim 13, wherein the instructions when executed enable the
2 processor to initialize the portable device using at least a portion of the configuration
3 information.

1 17. The article of claim 13, wherein the instructions when executed enable the
2 processor to store information to upgrade the configuration of the portable device.

1 18. The article of claim 13, wherein the instructions when executed enable the
2 processor to store at least one of an operating system, protocol stack, and application
3 layer of the portable device.

1 19. A wireless phone, comprising:
2 a storage unit; and
3 a control unit communicatively coupled to the storage unit, the controller
4 to detect an indication to reconfigure the wireless phone, request reconfiguration

5 information, store the reconfiguration information in the storage unit, and initialize the
6 wireless phone with the reconfiguration information.

1 20. The wireless phone of claim 19, wherein the control unit receives the
2 reconfiguration information from a remote device over a wireless link.

1 21. The wireless phone of claim 19, wherein the control unit requests
2 reconfiguration information associated with a serial number of the wireless phone.

1 22. The wireless phone of claim 19, wherein the control unit initializes the
2 wireless phone with an earlier version of the reconfiguration information.

1 23. A wireless phone of claim 19, wherein the control unit stores at least one
2 of an operating system, protocol stack, and application layer of the wireless phone.

1 24. A method, comprising:
2 receiving an indication to reconfigure the wireless phone;
3 requesting reconfiguration information from a remote device based in
4 response to receiving the indication; and
5 storing the reconfiguration information in a storage unit of the wireless
6 phone.

1 25. The method of claim 24, further comprising initializing the wireless phone
2 using at least a portion of the reconfiguration information.

1 26. The method of claim 25, wherein storing the reconfiguration information
2 further comprises receiving the reconfiguration information over a wireless link.

1 27. The method of claim 24, wherein storing the reconfiguration information
2 comprises storing reconfiguration information associated with an earlier version of at
3 least one of an operating system, protocol stack, and application layer.

1 28. The method of claim 24, wherein requesting the reconfiguration
2 information comprises transmitting a unique identifier associated with the wireless
3 phone.

1 29. A system, comprising:
2 a storage unit to store configuration information associated with a portable
3 device; and
4 a control unit communicatively coupled to the system, the controller to
5 receive a request to transmit the configuration information to the portable device in
6 response to receiving the request.

1 30. The system of claim 29, wherein the control unit identifies configuration
2 information associated with a unique identifier associated with the portable device and
3 transmits the identified configuration information to the portable device.